

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 AT 11:59PM

Division: Communications **Reports to:** Executive Director **Location:** Nashville, TN

Full-time/Part-time: Full-time

Salary Grade: 122

Monthly Salary Range Minimum: \$7,400

FLSA Classification: Exempt (03)

Critical features of this job are described under the headings below. They may be subject to change due to changes in our business processes or other business-related reasons.

POSITION SUMMARY: Oversees the Communications division; in conjunction with Executive staff develops strategic messaging for the organization to support THDA's business and program objectives; coordinates written and electronic external communication to a variety of audiences including media, board members, elected officials, program participants, business partners and the general public; coordinates communication to internal staff.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Essential duties and responsibilities include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Directly supervises staff; interviews, makes hiring recommendations, and trains employees; makes assignments and monitors work; develops employee skills and encourages growth and development; reviews and evaluates employee performance; addresses workplace issues and provides guidance, coaching, and disciplinary measures for staff; addresses personnel issues in conjunction with appropriate leadership and the Human Resources division.
- Organizes and oversees the Communications Division, including the Customer Response team, assuring effective and efficient work flow.
- Serves as a member of the Executive Team.
- Develops and implements strategic messaging for the organization across multiple media outlets.
- Put communications vehicles in place to create momentum and awareness as well as to test the effectiveness of communications activities.
- Oversees and manages market branding for THDA.
- Manages the development, distribution, and maintenance of all print and electronic materials including, but not limited to, newsletters, brochures, and programmatic information.
- Oversees style, layout, and content of organization's external website, intranet, newsletters, advertising, program materials and other publications, news releases, social media, etc.
- Works closely with other agency staff, coordinating the organization's marketing efforts to educate potential program administrators and program beneficiaries, and to expand the use of THDA programs.
- Generates media opportunities to publicize THDA business and activities.
- Oversees the coordination and organization of annual meetings that engage THDA's defined audiences.
- Serve as a resource for others developing presentations.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills, and/or abilities required.

Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in communications, public relations, English or related field.
- Three years of management experience.
- Three years of experience in public affairs, public relations, media, marketing or other directly related areas.

The above qualifications express the minimum standards of education and/or experience for this position. Other combinations of education and experience, if evaluated as equivalent, may be taken into consideration.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Competencies:

- Ability to effectively manage staff; ability to plan, schedule, and evaluate the work of others; delegate work assignments; set expectations.
- Superior communication skills, both written and verbal, to effectively address all levels within and outside of the organization.
- Communicates effectively and regularly with staff, including staff in planning, decision-making, and process improvement; makes self available to staff.
- Ability to provide strong vision and leadership; contributes to decision-making affecting organizational strategy.
- Demonstrates the ability to build and maintain positive relationships with the organization's board members, Executive Team, Leadership Team, constituents, partners, staff and the general public.
- Knowledge of philosophy and goals of the organization.
- Knowledge of public and commercial financing and current trends in housing or the ability to quickly become knowledgeable in these areas.
- Ability to effectively interpret relevant laws, agency policies, rules and regulations.
- Ability to express ideas clearly, concisely, and convincingly; to address an audience effectively.
- Ability to think creatively and work independently.
- Maintains credibility through sincerity, honesty, and discretion.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Prioritizes and plans work activities effectively; uses time efficiently; consistently meets deadlines.
- Maintains a high level of confidentiality.
- Documents regularly, thoroughly, accurately, and completely.
- Ability to effectively manage complex projects while working under pressure to meet deadlines.
- Detail oriented, logical, and methodical approach to problem solving.
- Computer literate; proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and the internet; able to effectively adapt to and use other computer systems as needed for daily activities.

Special Demands:

The special demands described here are representative of those that must be met by a staff member to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

- Current, valid driver's license from domicile state and the ability to drive.
- Occasional in-state and out-of-state travel, including overnight travel.
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit; stand; use hands to finger, handle or feel; and talk and hear.
- The employee is occasionally required to walk; reach with hands and arms, and stoop, kneel, or crouch.
- Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, and the ability to adjust focus.

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